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AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM)

SUBJ: PRESS STATEMENT FOR SECRETARY SIMON VISIT TO KUWAIT

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1. EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING STATEMENT FOR DELIVERY ARRIVAL
KUWAIT:

BEGIN TEXT

2. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO HAVE THE OCCASION TO VISIT KUWAIT
AT THIS TIME OF GROWING OPPORTUNITY FOR FRUITFUL AMERICAN TIES
WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. THE UNITED STATES RECOG-
NIZES THAT KUWAIT IS PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE ROLE IN INTER-
NATIONAL PETROLEUM, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. BECAUSE OF
KUWAIT'S IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES IN THESE AND OTHER
AREAS--INCLUDING TRADE AND INVESTMENT--I THINK IT IS PARTICULARLY
APPROPRIATE THAT AN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF TREASURY COME HERE TO
TALK WITH KUWAIT'S LEADERS ABOUT MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

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3. IN VIEW OF THE CLOSE AND GROWING RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN THE U.S. INTEREST TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OUR KUWAITI FRIENDS AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE AND ON AS HIGH A LEVEL AS POSSIBLE. MY VISIT TO KUWAIT ALSO SYMBOLIZES AMERICA'S RECOGNITION OF KUWAIT'S KEY ECONOMIC POSITION IN THE ARAB WORLD AND BEYOND.

4. MY COUNTRY APPLAUDS KUWAIT'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE WELFARE OF OTHER ARAB STATES AND ITS EFFORTS TO ASSIST LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

5. I EXPECT MY TALKS HERE WITH HIS HIGHNESS THE ACTING AMIR, AND WITH THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, AND OTHER KUWAITI LEADERS TO BE FRANK AND USEFUL. BROADLY SPEAKING, I HOPE TO DISCUSS ASPECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM; THE WORLD ENERGY SITUATION; TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICIES, AND RELATED FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS.

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